

(e) whether it is fact that the Kannada speaking people participating in the procession were not students,

(f) whether it is a fact that Kannada speaking people who were not students removed Marathi Board displayed by daily Taran Bhavat in the presence of the Police and the above mentioned Officers on that day,

(g) whether it is a fact that the Kannada students who had come from outside and the students of the Medical College had removed 300 to 400 Marathi Boards,

(h) whether it is a fact that the General Library was damaged by the Kannada speaking people on that day in the presence of the Police,

(i) whether it is a fact that some shops in the Raviwar Peth were looted by the Kannada speaking people on that day ?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS-(Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The organisers of the procession had given the route.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The procession was taken out by the students under the banner of Kannada Balaga. But it did not comprise of only the students. Others also joined the procession on the way.

(f) It is a fact that Marathi Sign Board displayed by Taran Bharat was removed, but it is not correct to say that this was done in the presence of officers.

(g) Only 6 Marathi Sign Boards were removed by the processionists

(h) No.

(i) No.

ERECTION OF POLE IN RAVIWAR PETH, BELGAUM

429. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum). :—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to State.—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Kannada Speaking people in Belgaum had erected a pole in Raviwar Peth and Maligalli cross without obtaining the permission of the Municipality and confirmation of the Government;

(b) If so, the reason for not removing the pole either by Municipal authorities or by the Police;

(c) Whether it is a fact that this area has been named as Samyukta Karanataka Chowk?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) The pole had been erected only at Raviwar Peth.

(b) It appears that the Kannada people had moved the Municipal authorities for permission. In the meanwhile, some miscreants removed the pole.

(c) The people have named the area as Samyukta Karnakata Chowk.

PROMULGATION OF PROHIBITORY ORDERS IN BELGAUM CITY

433. B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Ekikarana Samithi has been observing 17th January as a Martyr's day in Belgaum and in the border area since 1957;

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Government had promulgated Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code in Belgaum City and round about three miles from Belgaum City Municipality and Cantonment Board area;

(c) If so, the reason for promulgating Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code in Belgaum on that particular day;

(d) Whether the Government had imposed ban under Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code in Belgaum on that day prior to this;

(e) Whether it is a fact that permission to use loudspeaker was not given to Maharashtra Ekikarana Samithi?

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Sub-Division Magistrate, Belgaum had promulgated prohibitory orders from 18-00 hours on 16-1-1974 to 18-00 hours on 18-1-1974.

(c) In order to preserve public peace and order and also to protect life and property.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.